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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the below-identified pending utility or plant application:

Serial No.: 09/777 378  
Filing Date: February 6, 2001  
Title: CAPPING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
Inventor: Hiroaki KITAMOTO  
Group: 3721  
Examiner: Nash

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
  - a. ☐ An amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ was not entered. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.
  - b. ☒ Enclosed is/are:
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Response (please enter before calculating the filing fee)
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☒ Acknowledgment Post Card
    - v. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.

b. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. \$1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE	( ) SM Entity	Fee
Basic RCE Fee				\$750.00	\$375.00	\$750.00
Total Claims	(11 - 20 = 0)		x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00	
Indep. Claims	( 2 - 3 = 0)		x \$ 84.00		x \$ 42.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$280.00		+ \$140.00	
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 750.00

- b. ☐ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by month(s). The extension fee is:  
☐ \$ (37 C.F.R. \$1.17)  
☐ \$ (37 C.F.R. \$1.17; small entity status established by verified statement(s) submitted previously).
- c. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. \$1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (37 C.F.R. \$1.17(i)).
- d. ☒ A check for \$750.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- e. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- f. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17 associated with this communication or to

credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned is: ☒ an attorney of record

☐ acting under 37 C.F.R. §1.34.

Please direct all telephone calls to the undersigned at  
telephone number (269) 381-1156.

Respectfully submitted,

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.

IN DUPLICATE

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Encl: Listed above

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